

**SB 202**

**Relating to independent scientific review**

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SB 202 establishes a Task Force on Independent Scientific Review for Natural Resources at Oregon State University and abolishes the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team. The Task Force is to evaluate and assess the need for independent scientific review in Oregon and make appropriate recommendations in a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2016. The bill also appropriates \$108,907 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to be distributed to OSU for the purposes of the Institute for Natural Resources.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 202 be amended by the -A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.